

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been examined in the pending Office Action.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone interview with the undersigned attorney conducted on August 6, 2008 regarding the pending claims, particularly claim 1. Based on the Examiner's suggestions, Applicants have amended claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7, without prejudice, to more clearly set forth the metes and bounds of the claims. Particularly, claim 1 is amended to more clearly recite a fabric protection product comprising a film, wherein the film envelopes a fabric protection composition that comprises an ester compound of formula (1) and 2,4,6-triisopropyl-1,3,5-trioxane. Corresponding changes are also made to dependent claims 2-7 to be consistent with the amendment made to claim 1.

During the interview, the Examiner has indicated that the present amendments would overcome all pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in the Office Action, provided that Applicants can demonstrate that the amendments introduce no new matter and do not shift the invention under examination.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments made herein are supported by the Specification and original claim 1 and do not shift the invention under examination. Original claim 1 recites a fabric protectant comprising an ester compound of formula (1) and 2,4,6-triisopropyl-1,3,5-trioxane that are enveloped in a film. It is evident from the Specification that the originally claimed "fabric protectant" and the "fabric protection product" recited in the amended claims refer to the same product, which comprises a composition comprising the ester compound and 2,4,6-triisopropyl-1,3,5-trioxane and a film that envelopes the composition. For example, the bridging paragraph at pages 3 and 4 states that "In the fabric protectant of the present invention, the whole of the above-described composition is usually enveloped in the above-described film." It continues that "the fabric protectant can be produced by enveloping the composition in the film" In addition, all fabric protectants produced in Production Examples 1-14 and tested in Test Examples 1-4 comprise a composition comprising the ester compound of formula (1) and 2,4,6-triisopropyl-1,3,5-trioxane and a film that envelopes the

composition. Thus, the amendments made herein are formal in nature, which introduce no new matter and do not shift the invention under examination.

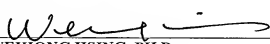
Accordingly, entry of the amendments made herein is proper and respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending rejections of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is generic to genii I and II. Upon the allowance of generic claim 1, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of additional species claims 3, 4 and 7 for examination on the merits. Because claims 3, 4 and 7 depend from or otherwise include all the recitations of the allowable generic claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 4 and 7 are also allowable in view of the above discussion.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, including currently pending claims 1-7, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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